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Early camping at Payette Lake. Photo courtesy of the Brown family.

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

On Monday, April 25, 1994, the concepts and proposals that are included in the final draft GDP document were presented at two public meetings. The first presentation was made to the Valley County Board of County Commissioners; the second was to a joint meeting of the McCall City Council, the McCall Planning and Zoning Commission and the McCall Parks and Recreation Department. News releases regarding these meetings were provided to McCall and Boise newspapers. Ponderosa Park staff prepared a mailing list of property owners within 300' of existing and potential park boundaries. Notice of both April 25 meetings, as well as notice of the April 29, 1994 IDPR Board meeting, was sent to these individuals. Attenders of these presentations were informed that any requirements, recommendations, concerns or suggestions made by these agencies during these meetings would be conveyed to the Board at the April 29, 1994 Board meeting for consideration and incorporation into the final plan as the Board deems appropriate. The following issues were identified:

Valley County Commissioners Meeting

The Valley County Board of County Commissioners endorsed the GDP as presented, and indicated that they would submit a letter to IDPR identifying their specific concerns prior to the April 29, 1994 IDPR Board meeting. They expressed special concern over the need to provide an adequate snowmobiling trailhead facility at the existing westside boat ramp area at North Beach. The Commissioners supported the proposed acquisition of additional IDL lands north of the existing North Beach Unit boundary for multi-purpose recreational use, but specifically as a means of securing additional snowmobile trailhead facilities in the North Beach area. The Commissioners expressed a desire to see boater sewage pump-out or dump station facilities at all IDPR boat ramps. They requested that special attention be given to retaining surface water run-off on-site at all of our facilities to prevent pollution of the lake. They also requested that all snowmobile trailhead sites be designed specifically to ease snow-removal operations.

McCall Joint Agency Meeting

The Mayor of the City of McCall endorsed the GDP as presented. He stated that he would submit a letter to IDPR identifying the specific concerns and recommendations generated at the joint meeting to IDPR prior the April 29, 1994 IDPR Board meeting. During the presentation, IDPR staff reiterated the Agency's policy on land acquisition, and stated that specific site designs (particularly at Lakeview Village) would include public input and would also be subject to local planning and zoning approval. The city's principle concern was focused on the park entrance issue. After reviewing the two park entrance options and the park traffic analysis, the City requested that the selection of the ultimate entrance location be postponed for 3-5 years. The McCall Traffic Committee stated that this would allow time to analyse the effect that the new east by-pass and the new commercial development presently occurring south of town would have on park-generated traffic. A desire was also expressed to see that the entrance to the proposed campground at North Beach be from Eastside Rd., and not from Warren Wagon Rd.

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<p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED [Signature] 3/23/93</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Payette Lake Trails P.O. Box A0 McCall, Idaho 83638</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 18, 1993</p> <p>To: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Re: Committee: Ponderosa Park Master Plan Date: March 10, 1993</p> <p>I write on behalf of my board in general support of the Ponderosa Park Master Plan draft. The main issue my committee is concerned about is the addition of a boat ramp at Lakeview Village. The more boat ramps on Payette Lake, the more boat traffic. The impacts of boat traffic on water quality and on the quality of experience for users of the lake is of great concern to this community. We urge you to follow the movement currently in the legislature to create a Payette Lakes water quality council to study issues of water quality. If this study goes forward, it should greatly influence the choices you make.</p> <p>Along the same line, committee members expressed a concern that the boat ramp would be "cramped" on the enjoyment of the beach for non-boaters. With so little Payette Lake beachfront available to the public, this should be a serious consideration.</p> <p>My committee is greatly enthused with the plans for North Beach. This community has been crying for such basic amenities for some time.</p> <p>We are always interested in the initiatives taken to improve parks in the greater McCall area. Continued communication between your people and ours is one of the many benefits we enjoy by having Dennis Coyle on this committee. His knowledge of park management is a real asset to us and his background in state parks broadens our thinking.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued interest in our perspective.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Tom Grotz, chair McCall Mayor Larry Smith</p>	<p>Dennis Coyle Ponderosa State Park P.O. Box A McCall, ID 83638</p> <p>Dear Dennis,</p> <p>In reviewing the General Development Plan for Ponderosa State Park, McCall, Idaho, I recognize that you (Idaho Parks and Recreation) are looking at the long term recreation needs of the area and those it serves. You have been very complete in dealing with almost all parts of the recreation question; swimming areas, parking, campsites, boat docking, etc.</p> <p>However, there is one area that is not addressed in your plan that deserves comment. Our committee is dedicated to the creation of a bicycle/pedestrian pathway around Payette Lake. Ponderosa sits strategically at both ends of the loop. The path will connect both sections of the park, north beach and the peninsula. The current demand for such a path is demonstrated by the numbers of bicycle and pedestrians now using the existing road surface intended for motorized vehicles. Once improvements are completed at North Beach, this demand for a safe pathway will increase significantly.</p> <p>Due to the destination nature of the park facilities, we find it very appropriate that Idaho Parks and Recreation includes planning for non-motorized users. Accommodations for the path entering the park sites, signs, adequate bike parking and rest stations are suggestions for inclusion in your plan.</p> <p>Ponderosa is a wonderful gem in our community. We are very fortunate that those planning for it are interested in our comments. Thank you for this opportunity.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Candy Anderson Chairman</p>
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<p>McCall Dept. of Parks and Recreation</p> <p><i>Treas. Council, Chair - Members: Dennis Coyle, Kaitlyn Killen, Dennis Anderson, Shellye Smith</i></p> <p>To: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Re: Committee: Ponderosa Park Master Plan Date: March 10, 1993</p> <p>I write on behalf of my board in general support of the Ponderosa Park Master Plan draft. The main issue my committee is concerned about is the addition of a boat ramp at Lakeview Village. The more boat ramps on Payette Lake, the more boat traffic. The impacts of boat traffic on water quality and on the quality of experience for users of the lake is of great concern to this community. We urge you to follow the movement currently in the legislature to create a Payette Lakes water quality council to study issues of water quality. If this study goes forward, it should greatly influence the choices you make.</p> <p>Along the same line, committee members expressed a concern that the boat ramp would be "cramped" on the enjoyment of the beach for non-boaters. With so little Payette Lake beachfront available to the public, this should be a serious consideration.</p> <p>My committee is greatly enthused with the plans for North Beach. This community has been crying for such basic amenities for some time.</p> <p>We are always interested in the initiatives taken to improve parks in the greater McCall area. Continued communication between your people and ours is one of the many benefits we enjoy by having Dennis Coyle on this committee. His knowledge of park management is a real asset to us and his background in state parks broadens our thinking.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued interest in our perspective.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Tom Grotz, chair McCall Mayor Larry Smith</p>
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Valley County Planning and Zoning Commission



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Re: Review of Ponderosa State Park General Development Plan

Dear Mr. Okerlund:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The document was historically informative and educational. It also proposed district planning within the park, present and future. It was exciting and fore-sightful.

As a Ponderosa State Park day-user I am impressed with your new "River-Rail" plan and the "North Passage" vision of the "River-Rail" primitive interpretive site and the option of the "Indian Village" primitive campground. That river area and its' habitat is something people need to gain respect for. The Indian Village would appear to be a fine way to wake up early and view the riparian wildlifes.

I understand your surveys showed the public didn't think they needed wilderness ethics. At my office people complain of a lack of rural and wilderness ethics that in turn creates land use conflicts. Since so many of your visitors are residents of Valley County it is important that education, recycling and land use patterns in this area are priorities for the park. The park is a microcosm of the community at large. Many people are choosing to live within the same biological boundaries as what is found within the park. Lifestyle changes, attitudes and land activity patterns must be adjusted to co-exist with the natural environment they enjoy. That is why I applaud your proposed off-site educational programs geared at all ages and your interpretive priorities.

It would be nice to create a pamphlet for the physically challenged emphasizing accessible facilities and paved campsites for wheelchairs. Will any of the new Payette River Interpretive Trail be accessible by wheel chair? The road access seems ideal and what a unique place for any person to experience.

This study brings to attention the fact that recreation and tourism account for a substantial population that utilize and enjoy the elements of the outdoors. Those elements are fragile living ecosystems that do not stop and start at park boundaries. To understand long-term planning for those non-vocal systems we must always keep them in mind. To plan for native flora and fauna population preserves, we need to cooperate and communicate across agency boundaries. I look forward to being involved and supporting your efforts in anyway possible. Let us know how we both can work on our mutual ecosystems and land use preserves.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bluff
 Nancy Huff
 Assistant Planning and Zoning Administrator

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the development and management strategy proposed for the Peninsula Unit are focused primarily on the protection and interpretation of its natural features and the preservation of the park's tranquil atmosphere...". In light of this statement would it not be better to preserve and enhance this beautiful wooded area for the enjoyment of all, including future generations? The Peninsula Unit development has to be paid for and this could be accomplished by locating 70 or more R.V. camping sites in the more open areas that is adjacent to the current entrance to the Park. This area looks far easier to develop and with small effort could be landscaped to provide a wonderful camping experience.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Gene Cloud
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To the Board of Directors:

I have concerns about the proposed development plan for the Peninsula Unit of Ponderosa State Park, specifically the Lakeview Village portion of the plan.

My home in the 19th Hole Estates, located at 802 Carico Court, borders the proposed 70 long term R.V. camping sites which are part of the proposed Lakeview Village development.

I believe these 70 R.V. sites as they are currently proposed would-

- * Dramatically increase traffic to over an estimated 400 passages per day on Agate street and Carico Court, endangering the children in the neighborhood.
- * Unnecessarily expose neighborhood children and property to unacceptable danger from work release prisoners who locate in long term park camping facilities while doing odd jobs for the park.

- * Significantly increase roadside noise and trash on Agate Street and Carico Court.
- * Drastically lower the value of my home.

I appeal to you to change, at the very minimum, the 70 long term R.V. camping site plan by-

- * Moving the main entrance road so access would not be available from either Agate Street or Carico Court.

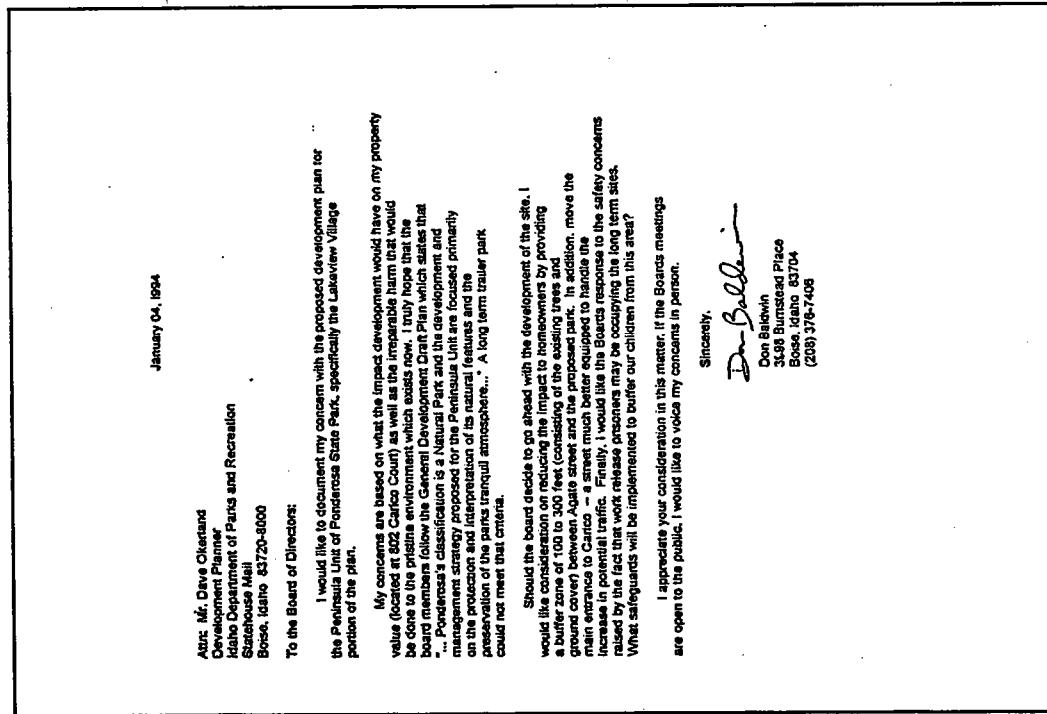
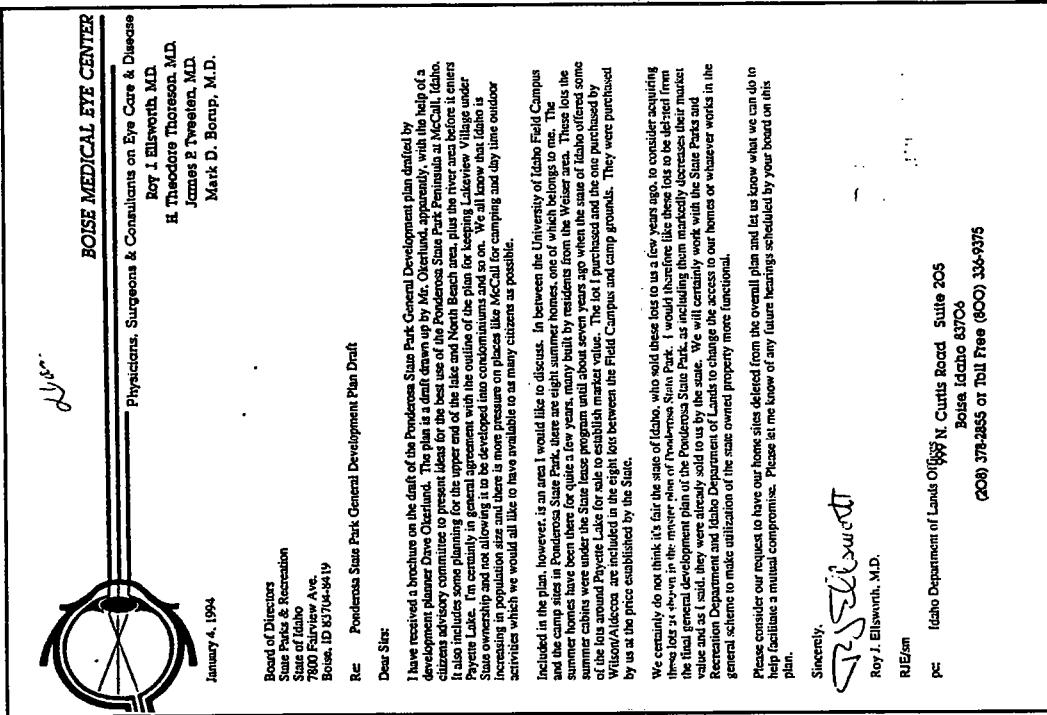
- * Providing a buffer of 100 to 300 feet, consisting of the existing trees and ground cover, between Agate Street and Carico Court and the R.V. park.

Ponderosa State Park is a beautiful natural resource. The land on which the 70 long term R.V. camping sites is proposed, currently consists of beautiful dense trees and undergrowth which is home to a number of species of wild animals. The General Development Draft Plan states that "... Ponderosa's classification is a Natural Park and []

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January 19, 1994

Yvonne O'Reilly
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Tom It May Concern;
And Recreation
Fairview Ave.
McCall, ID 83703

Dear Domain Should Not be used to acquire the
property at the Fayette Lakes Cottages Sites!!
With to express our ~~IDEAS~~, negative feelings, to
ideas of using "Reinent Domain" in taking away our
house at the above address. You will be destroy-
our dream and all the hard work that has gone into
finishing our retirement home on the lake in McCall.

Mike and I and my parents went in together to pur-
chase the lot and house on State Land Lease R-469-88
(4, Section 7, 18 N., R. 3 E., S.M., Parcette
Cottage Sites (on the Peninsula). We could not
afford to purchase the lease individually but together
lots of overtime, hard work and many sacrifices we
able to purchase this site 8 years ago. It has not
easy to make the payments every month for this
house but we all endeavored financial hardships
thinking that one day we would be able to retire there.

Parents Precently age 80 and 82 of the year at the
retirement. They are able to enjoy the fruits of their
work and sacrifice now. In later years when my
and I are ready to retire we want the same oppor-
tunity. This is not a dream that can be replaced or al-
tered. My family have been summer residents for 35
years. Our dream to have a house on the lake was
finally realized 8 years ago. It would be a devastating
loss to our family to lose this once in a life time

year. My wife and children long for the time we
to spend at the property. It is our greatest joy;
summer vacation at McCall on our property. My kids
would rather be there than any place in the world.
Our dream would also be shattered to have this land
taken from us.

Ponderosa Park is a beautiful Park. I have spent a
lot of time in the Park and know it well. There is ~~still~~ ^{still} land that certainly another area could be ~~be~~ ^{be} utilized for the land
utilization of what ever is needed for the land
Fayette Lakes Cottages reside on.

JAN 23 1994
Idaho Dept. of Par
Yvonne O'Reilly Recreation
Truly Yours,
Tom O'Reilly